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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ In a September raid, sheriff's deputies in Vista, Calif., seized jars of urine from the home of a suspected methamphetamine user. Deputies said the user appeared to be saving his own urine in order to extract, and reuse, the meth he had already used. A Drug Enforcement Administration agent said he was unsure whether the practice was widespread.

■ A September episode of the periodic NBC "Dateline" stings of online child sex predators, in Long Beach, Calif., turned up 38 arrestees, including one who is apparently beyond embarrassment, since he had already been busted once by "Dateline."

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 292nd day of 2006.
There are 73 days left in the year.

1781

British troops under Lord Cornwallis surrendered at Yorktown, Va., as the American Revolution neared its end.

1950

During the Korean Conflict, United Nations forces entered the North Korean capital of Pyongyang.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Speech is civilization itself. The word, even the most contradictory word, preserves contact — it is silence which isolates."

THOMAS MANN
GERMAN AUTHOR (1875-1955)

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Three if by sea

Children play in the new Kelp Forest Courtyard at Edison Language Academy on Wednesday. The courtyard reduces water runoff into the Santa Monica Bay while providing an ocean-like space for the students, complete with a mural painted by community artist David Legaspi. The project was made possible through various contributions.

Fabian Lewkowicz/Daily Press

Council debate needed a jump

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL — A temporary power outage here Tuesday night seemed to set the tone for the latest, locally-telvised political forum, as candidates competing for three seats on the City Council failed to generate the level of intensity and energy one would expect with less than three weeks to go until the Nov. 7 election.

Whether it was the format, the questions posed or simply a lack of enthusiasm on behalf of the 10 council hopefuls, the forum seemed void of any real spark, with candidates failing to hold their opponents' feet to the fire or present markable differences to separate themselves from the pack.

For the most part, candidates refrained from going on the offensive as they discussed issues such as homelessness, traffic congestion, youth violence, affordable housing

See CANDIDATES, page 14

It's got universal appeal



Photo courtesy

A meteor shower will make cameo appearances in the early morning sky on both Friday and Saturday, but stargazers may want to get out of town.

The greatest show off earth

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

with light pollution.

The Orionid meteor shower is set to make cameo appearances in the eastern sky between the hours of 2 a.m. and 5 a.m., on Oct. 20 and 21.

While the show promises to be

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Social services staking claims

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

SUNSET PARK — The ongoing controversy over plans to build a mental health facility on Pearl Street has reminded residents — primarily those in the southern and western parts of the city — of the high concentration of social service providers in their areas.

Step Up on Second is the target of recent neighborhood upheaval over its plans to develop housing for men with mental disorders at a triplex at 1826 Pearl St.

Currently, more than 70 social service agencies call Santa Monica home; a city well known as a safe haven for the homeless, drug addicted and mentally unstable to get back on their feet. Downtown, Pico neighborhood, Sunset Park and Mid-City host the highest concentration of the city's social service providers.

"The issue has come up when new projects or expansions have been brought before neighborhood associations," said City of Santa Monica Human Services Manager Julie Rusk. "From time to time, there are concerns about congregations of people that may or may not be affiliated with social services. There have been concerns, particularly in areas that are somewhat dense or where residential and commercial areas abut each other."

The Pico Neighborhood Association protested against a proposal to open a homeless services center on Cloverfield Boulevard a few years ago.

Residents at the time were upset that the city had neglected to inform neighbors that Ocean Park Community Center was planning to open the shelter on Cloverfield, said PNA Board member Irma Carranza.

"The way we found out about the

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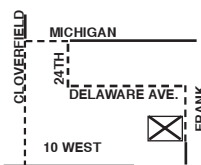
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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Take your time handling a problem. Your perspective changes radically. Someone could spill the beans. Information might not be exact; therefore, backtrack and check. You will get ahead if you stall and take your time. Someone is generous and giving. Tonight: Say yes.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Your creativity flourishes. You might want to rethink a personal or financial matter that involves a key partner or associate. You have a good sense of direction; trust it. You know what you want. Make your actions conform to who you are. Tonight: Relax.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ You come from a centered point of view. You'll see life from a different perspective once someone starts unraveling. A little caring and generosity could go very far. Let a relationship develop. Tonight: Have fun.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ You have a way of understanding. Pace yourself and get to the bottom of a problem. You are coming from a strong point of view. Listen to news and come from a secure place. Your creativity surges. Tonight: Easy does it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ You gain a sense of direction by understanding limits creatively. Think in terms of gains and news. Conversations are revealing and much more open in the p.m. Know to listen well. Tonight: Chat up a storm.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ You beam despite what someone could do or say. This person might not intend to upset you. Your personality allows you to walk through many problems, as long as you keep your goals in mind. You can and will say something very differently so that others can receive the message. Tonight: Your treat.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Use the morning to make sure all your ducks are in a row. Know when enough is enough. You will know when to pull back and when to act. This afternoon, your energy and luck soar. Use this time for key matters. Tonight: As you would like.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ You might want to try something differently. You will want to handle a personal matter from a different perspective. Follow through during the morning. Use the afternoon for quieter work. Tonight: Vanish and do your thing.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ You might want to go to the head of the class and do something very different. What comes down your path could be relatively dynamic and interesting. You have a very appealing manner or style. Tonight: As happy as can be.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Much is going on in your mind and behind the scenes. Your ability to understand and get past a problem is important. Listen and relax. An opportunity to find out more and/or see a situation differently marks your actions. Tonight: Read between the lines.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Aim for more of what you want. You will find that many people prove to be helpful. What is interesting is these same people have frequently blocked your path when you least expected it. Detach and understand where others are coming from. Tonight: Relax your mind.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ You might want to see life far more differently. Your way of approaching others could vary considerably. Listen to feedback. Know what you want. A close associate goes out of his or her way to ease your path. Tonight: Snuggle in, hopefully with company.

BORN TODAY Author **John le Carre** (1931), actor **Divine** (1945), animator **Trey Parker** (1969)

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GOING 'LIVE': It's all about the poetry at a Cultural Affairs Division event at the Library.

Poetry event makes 'Sense'

By Daily Press staff

The Cultural Affairs Division, in partnership with the Santa Monica Public Library, presents "In a Sense: Santa Monica Live #3." Tonight's event at the Santa Monica Main Library will feature poets Mariano Zaro, Richard Beban and Ellyn Maybe, and will be hosted by Paul Lieber, the host of KPFK's "Why Poetry?" The program runs from 7 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. and will be staged in the Martin Luther King, Jr. Auditorium, 601 Santa Monica Boulevard. Admisssion is free.

Immigration issues up for debate

By Daily Press staff

A dialogue on immigration issues, including what policies are needed and other key concerns, will be led by Mosesi Escalante, a community activist working in the Montebello area, and hosted by the Social Concerns Council of First United Methodist Church of Santa Monica. Escalante has worked with the United Methodist California-Pacific Conference Latino ministry and will lead a discussion about the realities of immigration in our community — legal and illegal, documented and undocumented — and how the church and the community can connect to this area of concern in a relevant way. The discussion will take place on Sunday, Oct. 29 at 11:45 a.m. in the Fireside Room at the First United Methodist Church, 1008 11th Street at Washington Avenue in Santa Monica. Free underground parking is available across the street on 11th Street. For more information contact Rev. Larry Young, Associate pastor, First United Methodist Church at (310) 393-8258 or larry.young@santamonicaumc.org.

CORRECTION There was an error in the Oct. 9 issue of the Daily Press, "Making every dollar count." City Council candidate Terence Later filed a campaign disclosure statement with the City Clerk's office by the first filing deadline, Thursday, Oct. 5. Later submitted a financial statement at 5:11 p.m., according to the City Clerk's office. From Jan. 1 to Sept. 9, Later received \$460 in campaign contributions and spent \$3,210.50.

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LONG RANGE SYNOPSIS

SUBSTANTIAL SW DUE THIS WEEKEND...
WIND AND TIDE ISSUES THIS WEEK...

TIDE FORECAST FOR TODAY IN SANTA MONICA

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Moonrise 04:45 Moonset 17:05

The Q-Line

Doomed to repeat it?

A pair of local institutions face quite opposite fates, as they grow older and their neighbors grow younger and richer. On Sunday, the Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center marked its 80th year with a street festival attended by local officials. Meanwhile, the Zephyr skateboarding shop on Main Street — regarded by many as the birthplace of modern skating — faces an uncertain future, as the building's owner looks to redevelop the space.

So this week, Q-Line wants to know:

"Is Santa Monica's history, culture and heritage properly celebrated and preserved, or should bygone eras just be allowed to be gone?"

Call (310) 285-8106 before Friday at 5 p.m. and we'll print your responses in the weekend edition. Please try to limit your comments to a minute or less. It might help to think first about the wording of your response.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Seller’s remorse: Step Up should step out

Editor:

My husband and I are the owners of the property being sold to Step Up On Second 1826 Pearl Street and felt that, with all of the negative information going about regarding this particular transaction, the facts should be correctly reported. We have spoken with the tenants on every occasion with any updates as they have come to our attention. We spoke in great detail to the tenants of 1828 Pearl St. before the property went into escrow, and they entered into a written contract to receive \$40,000 in compensation, should they need to relocate due to the sale. The required amount by SMCC is \$8,050.

We could have never anticipated the path that this would take. This sale has caused our family tremendous stress and hardship. We feel the buyers (any buyer for that matter, not just Step Up On Second) have an obligation to inform a seller that they have a history of causing such a disturbance in people’s lives and the community when they go to purchase a property, especially when they are required by the city to notify the neighborhoods.

I understand the notifying the neighborhood part was required by the City of Santa Monica’s funding process, but it should also be required to notify the owners that there is history of neighborhood meetings and rejection at every project Step Up On Second proposes. Owners should be given the option to be a part of that. We should not be dragged through and become unwilling participants over what next is going to happen — worrying about what other friend your child is going to lose at school because their parents think we made some horrible decision agreeing to sale to this buyer. Where was the concern for the sellers and their families, and what they would possibly have to endure for months?

We, as sellers, are obligated to disclose every minute detail to the buyer that we feel would cause any issues. Shouldn’t a buyer have to disclose issues they have encountered in the past, those they full on know and expect this time as well?

We could not turn this buyer away because of the organization that it is. It was made clear to us that if we denied this buyer we could face a discrimination lawsuit. Any other seller would have lapped up the opportunity to have such a promising buyer for their property in today’s market — \$30,000 over asking, no loan contingency or loan applications, all cash offer! We have had to endure several horrible months of community disruption, council meetings, public meetings and such. I am certain that members of the community felt they were not informed, but as the sellers, we feel we were definitely not informed to the extent this nightmare would create for our family and the neighborhood we had grown to love.

Our children have attended Will Rogers Learning Community and John Adams Middle School since kindergarten and first grade. We have friends that won’t even speak to us anymore, as if there was some way we could have prevented this whole thing. We could have never prevented something we weren’t notified was a possibility.

In an ordinary sale of real estate, if an ordinary someone offers you full price, even more than full price, you can say no without giving justification. We have the same concerns as others regarding the placement of this project, however, with the discrimination laws as they are, we were faced with very few options.

Melody Cervantes
Sunset Park

Daily Press has lost its ‘Edge’

Editor:

I’m very disappointed to see you’ve yanked the cartoon “Edge City” without any warning or consultation with your readers! I looked forward to reading that every day. It encourages people to get the paper to read the ongoing saga.

How can you be so arbitrary and dictatorial?
The new cartoons are dull and not amusing. They are also unpleasantly drawn.

Why not have a vote and show some consideration for your readers’ tastes and not try to force your tastes onto us? “Edge City” was interesting because there was an ongoing story with insights into the human condition and the Jewish way of life. It was refreshing to have a cartoon about Jewish people. What have you got against it?

Get rid of “Garfield” — too twee and cutie pie. Just for old ladies who love pussy cats. Ditto for “Dog eat Doug.”

Neil Macaulay
Santa Monica

Blind support of Prop V is just plain lazy

Editor:

Letter writer Genise Schnitman has it all wrong. To consider Proposition V to be above criticism due to our city’s stellar environmental history is akin to not criticizing our involvement in Iraq because the U.S. has always done such a great job with the concept of democracy; it’s the mindset of a lazy, and ultimately, vulnerable citizenry.

First, the city hires an outside contractor to develop a stormwater plan with virtually no opportunity for public comment — let alone any resident direction. The result has so many shortcomings that, in this day and age, its failures can only be considered to be intentional. Our City Council hastily approves the plan, and almost simultaneously places a tax with a misleading name on the ballot to fund it — and any other project that might fit the incredibly broad parameters. They then get a spokesperson to conveniently forget his previous public criticisms of it, and count on their environmental reputation to sell a defective measure to the voters.

Bill Bauer should be commended, not criticized, for his bravery in pointing out that, in the case of Prop. V, the emperor indeed has no clothes. As voters, we get an opportunity to express our opinion of Prop. V — something that has previously been denied us — by rejecting it. Only then can we hope to develop a program that actually cleans up our Bay.

Don Gray
BaySmart.org

GUEST COMMENTARY BY KEITH LOCKITCH, PH.D.

Why we’re losing hearts, minds

Our leaders have failed to answer the evil moral ideal of Islamic totalitarianism with a rational ideal of our own.

Five years into our “war on terror,” the Iraqi insurgency is raging, with no apparent end to the new recruits eager to wage jihad against the West. Support for offensive action has faded among a disheartened American public, while the terrorists are growing in number and in boldness.

Where have our leaders gone wrong? What kind of leadership failure can demoralize a whole nation of honest, productive citizens, while leaving suicide murderers stirred to righteous action?

The power that inspires righteous action — and which, by its absence, breeds discouragement — is the power of moral idealism. What has brought us to our present state is our leaders’ moral weakness in response to the jihadists’ moral zeal.

Observe that what draws the recruits to terrorist cells is a powerful ideal: the advancement of their religion. The jihadists believe fervently that Islam is the revealed word of Allah, that selfless submission to Allah is the purpose of life, and that all individuals should be subjugated to Islamic law under a theocracy. They believe in spreading the rule of Islam worldwide, and killing any “infidels” who stand in their way. They are morally outraged by the American ideal of individual liberty and regard our this-worldly, capitalistic culture as an evil that must be destroyed.

America can only defend itself against such a zealous, militant movement if we have moral confidence in our own ideals — and fight for them. We must repudiate the Islamists’ “ideals” of other-worldliness, of blind faith, of renunciation and suffering, of theocracy, and proudly uphold the superior, American ideals of reason, freedom, and the pursuit of worldly happiness.

But our leaders have not shown such moral confidence.

When the terrorists of Sept. 11 struck in the name of Islam, President Bush did not identify them as Islamic totalitarians and condemn their murderous ideology and its supporters. Instead, he painted the hijackers as a band of isolated lunatics who had “hijacked a great religion.” (Only recently has President Bush even acknowledged that our enemy is Islamic, with his use of the term “Islamic fascism.”)

In response to Muslim denunciations of America’s secularism, our leaders did not defend this attribute of America, but instead stressed Americans’ religiosity. A mere two weeks after Sept. 11, with the ruins of the World Trade Towers still smoldering, our planned Afghanistan campaign, “Operation Infinite Justice,” was renamed to appease

Muslims protesting that only Allah can dispense “infinite justice.”

Unable to defend America intellectually, our leaders are unable to defend her militarily.

Have our leaders acted consistently against terrorist regimes? Consider our policy toward Iran, the primary state sponsor of terrorism. Refusing to identify Iran as the fatherland of Islamic totalitarianism, our president initially beseeched its Mullahs to join our “war on terror.” And he has consistently answered their chants of “Death to America” and their quest for nuclear weapons with negotiation and spineless diplomacy.

Have our leaders asserted that they will use America’s formidable military to secure our way of life by whatever means necessary? No. Lacking the moral confidence to defeat our enemies, they have instead squandered our military resources and sacrificed our brave soldiers in a futile quest to spread “democracy” around the globe — as though bringing the vote to Muslim mobs sympathetic to Islamic totalitarianism will somehow end the terrorist threat.

The reason the terrorists and their state sponsors are not demoralized is that our leaders have failed to demoralize them. Our leaders’ words and actions have signaled that we are not as morally committed to our lives and freedom as the terrorists are to our destruction.

We must make it clear to the jihadists that we will destroy anyone who takes up arms for Islamic totalitarianism. No one wants to fight and die for a hopeless cause. The jihadists will continue to be emboldened and to attract new recruits until they are convinced their goal is unachievable. They must see that we have the moral confidence to defend our lives — to answer their violence with an overwhelming military response, without pulling punches. They must see us willing to visit such crushing devastation on them that they fear us more than they fear Allah.

It is often said that we must win the “hearts and minds” of supporters of totalitarian Islam. Indeed we must: their hearts must be made to despair at the futility of their cause, and their minds must be convinced that any threat to our lives and freedom will bring them swift and certain doom.

The ideologues of totalitarian Islam have seized the power of moral idealism in the service of our destruction. It is time we reclaimed that power in defense of our freedom.

Keith Lockitch, Ph.D. in physics, is a fellow at the Ayn Rand Institute in Irvine, CA.



Universal Music Group files suits against popular online video sites

BY ALEX VEIGA

AP Business Writer

LOS ANGELES — Universal Music Group is suing the operators of two video-sharing Web sites, claiming they illegally let users share music videos and other copyright material without permission.

Universal Music, the world's largest recording company, filed separate lawsuits against Grouper Networks Inc., operator of Grouper.com, and Bolt Inc., which runs Bolt.com. Sony Corp.'s Sony Pictures Entertainment acquired Grouper for \$65 million in August, and Universal Music said it may add the film studio as a defendant.

Video sites have become wildly popular over the past year, drawing millions of visitors who often find clips from movies and music videos along with homemade footage from users. Just this week, Google Inc. agreed to buy one of the top such sites, YouTube, for \$1.65 billion.

Universal Music recently signed a content licensing agreement with YouTube. The recording company said it sought licensing deals with both Grouper and Bolt, but reached agreements with neither.

In lawsuits filed Monday in U.S. District Court in Los Angeles, Universal Music

claimed Grouper and Bolt actively play a role in violating copyright laws by "copying, reformatting, distributing and creating" works derived from music videos and songs owned by the label.

In one example cited in the Grouper lawsuit, a search turned up several Mariah Carey videos that could be viewed and downloaded. A video for her song "Shake It Off" had been viewed more than 50,000 times, the lawsuit said.

A similar search on Bolt.com generated a list of clips featuring Mary J. Blige, including the video for "Enough Cryin," which had been viewed more than 1,000 times, the lawsuit said.

Universal Music, a unit of French telecommunications and media company Vivendi, is seeking unspecified damages derived from any profits by the defendants, or \$150,000 per copyright work that was allegedly distributed on the sites without permission.

In a statement Tuesday, New York-based Bolt said it had yet to receive a copy of the lawsuit, but added that it has always complied with music companies' requests to remove any copyright video after the fact.

A call seeking comment by Sausalito-based Grouper was not immediately returned.

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LOS ANGELES

Judge looking out for foster kids' needs

A judge ordered immediate evaluation of disabled foster children so adoptive families can begin receiving extra payments to provide for the youngsters' special needs.

The payments have been held up 18 months due to a bureaucratic dispute between county and state agencies over who should calculate the cost of care. Attorneys went to court claiming the stalemate caused adoption delays.

"A circumstance that prevents or postpones the adoption of a developmentally disabled child by a loving family causes irreparable harm," Superior Court Judge Carolyn Kuhl wrote in her Oct. 4 order.

The county's seven nonprofit regional centers providing services for disabled foster children were ordered to immediately resume calculating the amount of money the families are to receive. The state agencies issue the payments.

"This is the fair and just cause of action, and I think the court decision makes it clear (the state) needs to go back to the status quo," attorney Dan Grunfeld said.

The regional centers have traditionally determined the amount of payment to families caring for disabled children. The centers would supply the families with a letter stating the amount of benefits. The regional centers stopped providing the letters in May 2005, saying the county Department of Children and Family Services is legally responsible for determining the benefits. The department said it lacked the expertise.

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So much for winning the lottery

Winners of an affordable-housing lottery found out they couldn't qualify for homes being built at the former Marine Corps Air Station because down payments were nearly 50 percent of the purchase price.

The homes _ priced between \$55,100 and \$311,400, well below Orange County's \$626,000 median house cost _ were advertised by Lennar Corp. and William Lyon Homes with the words "3 percent down payment required."

Of 700 applicants, 143 winners in the development's first phase lottery were called to make sure they financially qualify to buy the low-cost homes. But some buyers learned down payments were nearly half the purchase price.

The large down payments were required to meet state redevelopment law specifying that occupants not use more than 35 percent of their incomes on monthly housing payments, which include the mortgage, taxes, insurance and association fees.

"No low-income family has the money for a large down payment. It makes a joke out of an affordable-housing project," said Crystal Sims, director of litigation at the Legal Aid Society of Orange County.

The Lennar and William Lyon Homes development includes 1,540 homes _ including 308 low-cost units _ in a redevelopment project at the old base.

Developers have enough qualified buyers with large down payments for the low-cost units, so they won't provide financial assistance for those who don't have the down payment.

"On one hand, it's disappointing that the program is not for everyone," Lennar vice president Richard Knowland said. "On the other hand, it's exciting that it is affordable for many. It gives these families the ability to live and own in Orange County."

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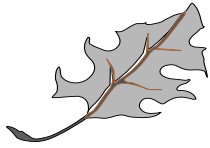
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Parole release to be debated for one of Manson's followers

BY DON THOMPSON

Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO — Charles Manson's followers should never be freed from prison for the string of brutal slayings they committed in 1969, the sister of murdered actress Sharon Tate said outside a California parole hearing Tuesday.

Bruce Davis, now a 63-year-old prison preacher with a doctorate in religion and philosophy, participated in the Manson family's first murder.

Manson doctored the crime scene in a vain attempt to trigger a race war, a pattern he and his followers repeated in the slayings of the pregnant Tate, grocery store chain owner Leno LaBianca and his wife, Rosemary, and four others.

"These people were all declared to be sociopaths. There is no recovery from this kind of mental illness," said Debra Tate, who lives in the Los Angeles area and is the last surviving member of her immediate family. "I'm concerned for the safety of the community."

The horrific nature of the crimes is what keeps them fascinating for the public 37 years later, Tate said. "It's very fresh in my mind."

Davis is serving a double life sentence for two first-degree murder convictions and has been denied parole 22 times since he became eligible for release in 1977. A decision on his current appeal is expected next month.

Davis was not involved in the Tate-LaBianca murders. He was convicted with Manson and others in the cult's first murder, that of musician Gary Hinman in his Topanga Canyon home, and in the later slay-

ing of former stuntman Donald "Shorty" Shea, who lived at the Spahn movie ranch in Chatsworth where Manson had his commune.

"They tried to make it look as if a Black Panther did (the Hinman murder) to start a race war," Los Angeles County Assistant Head Deputy District Attorney Patrick Sequeira said outside Tuesday's hearing. "That was the first time that they wrote 'political piggy' on the wall with the paw print of the Black Panthers, to try to blame it on blacks in general."

Beth Davis said the man she married in prison is being unfairly punished for his relationship with Manson when he was a young man addled by drugs.

"He was forced by Manson" to participate in the slayings, she said. "They all got involved, and there's no denying it."

Yet Davis is a changed man who has served a prison sentence far longer than those convicted of similar crimes, several family members and prison counselors told the parole board.

The entire Board of Prison Terms is hearing Davis' parole appeal because the commissioner and deputy commissioner assigned to his case split on their decision after an Aug. 31 hearing. That hearing was held at the California Men's Colony in San Luis Obispo, where Davis is imprisoned.

He was not present during Tuesday's hearing.

Manson and others convicted in the Tate-La Bianca killings have routinely been denied parole. But a Manson follower convicted with Davis in Shea's murder, Steve Grogan, was paroled after leading police to the victim's body.

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LOS ANGELES**Hooray for Hollywood development**

Developer Jerry Snyder plans to build a \$100 million office park in Hollywood.

The project across from Hollywood Center Studios is designed for entertainment industry tenants. Office space is difficult to find in Hollywood because at least five area office buildings have recently been converted into apartments and condominiums.

Snyder's 225,000-square-foot project, which needs city approval, would be built on 3.8 acres on Seward Street that formerly housed the headquarters of Technicolor. Snyder said completion is planned for 2009.

The complex will include two- and three-story buildings around a central courtyard with a communal commissary, evoking a studio atmosphere, Snyder said.

Entertainment industry tenants tend to avoid high-rises, said real estate broker John Tronson of Ramsey-Shilling Co.

"They don't like lobbies with security guards and they don't like riding up the elevator in their jeans with an accountant wearing a tie," Tronson said.

ORANGE**Real O.C. includes 'Mission Possible'**

A girl's finishing school approach has been adopted by Orange County's Juvenile Hall.

Girls behind bars are being taught how to act, dress and dance as part of a program dubbed "Mission Possible" to boost self-esteem and provide basic social skills needed to lead productive lives.

The Orange County Probation Department and a coalition of nonprofit groups aim to stem rising crime and recidivism rates among girls ages 12 to 18. An average of 200 girls are in Juvenile Hall at any given time.

"It's an exploding population," said Thomas G. Wright, the chief deputy probation officer in charge of the county's juvenile facilities.

Seed money for "Mission Possible" was provided by the private Weingart Foundation. There is funding for one year, but probation officials say they hope to make it a permanent program.

The program addresses body image, fashion, yoga, sex education and diet. Salsa dancing has also been thrown into the mix, because it can empower "somebody to want to be someone, and it's an outlet," said project leader Jim Perez, a specialist for the county Education Department.

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Water-use fees prodding farmers to wrest control

BY ROBIN HINDERY

Associated Press Writer

CHICO, Calif. — In a state where water disputes often have played out like old Sunday morning Westerns, Kevin Taylor is one of those who tries to keep the peace.

Taylor, a government "water cop," enforces court-decreed water rights under California's watermaster program.

But his job and the program itself may be in for big changes as farmers and ranchers faced with the prospect of soaring water-use fees fight to wrest control from the state and put it in the hands of individual counties.

"I'm not against people looking to save money, but I'm not sure if they realize how complicated this can be," said Taylor, a watermaster in far Northern California.

The effort is a response to one of several recent attempts by the state Department of Water Resources to create revenue through consumer-financed programs.

Agency officials say public investment is necessary to secure the future of California's water supply. But critics say it is the government's way of trying to fund its own projects without dipping into the state budget.

The watermaster program was established in 1924 amid escalating disputes over water rights. It now affects about 1,600 owners of water rights in Northern California —

most of them farmers — from Napa to Siskiyou counties.

Watermasters measure stream flow and diversions to make sure water is allocated to users according to priorities and assigned rights. The service normally runs from April through September, during peak irrigation season.

Until recently, the program's cost was split evenly between the department and the water users, who paid their annual fees through property taxes.

But a 2004 state Senate bill placed the financial burden solely on water users. That year, the Department of Water Resources reevaluated its estimate of the program's cost, doubling it from about \$800,000 to \$1.6 million.

In 2005, the estimate increased again, to \$2.2 million.

Jack Hanson, who runs a cattle and hay ranch near Susanville in Lassen County, said the proposed increases would have raised his annual water fees from about \$876 to about \$4,000.

"I don't know if it would have put me out of business," he said. But "each and every incremental cost squeezes us pretty hard."

Various provisions in the state budget in the past two years have prevented the department from collecting on its proposed fees, temporarily aiding the farmers.

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Cunningham helped contractors land at least \$70 million in jobs

BY KATHERINE SHRADER

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Disgraced former Rep. Randy “Duke” Cunningham parlayed his seat on the Intelligence Committee into at least \$70 million in business for two contractors who in turn paid him millions in bribes, an investigator hired by the panel has concluded.

The investigator’s report, released Tuesday by the committee’s top Democrat, found that Cunningham had exploited weaknesses in the system for monitoring secret federal spending.

It said that he and at least one associate secured the cooperation — or at least the acquiescence — of many people. They included members of Congress and their aides who handled bills that directed money to certain programs, Pentagon officials who awarded the contracts and officials at agencies where the contract work was done.

“This was a lot of people to persuade, cajole, deceive, pressure, intimidate, bribe or otherwise influence to do what they wanted,” the report’s executive summary says.

In a sign of partisan divisions on the committee, California Rep. Jane Harman, its top Democrat, unilaterally released the five-page document after months of disagreement with the committee’s chairman, Rep. Peter Hoekstra, R-Mich. Together, the two had initiated the investigation, led by special counsel Michael Stern, and had hoped to release the findings jointly.

Harman said the committee must examine why “red flags” did not trigger greater scrutiny of Cunningham’s activities, and she added that she and Hoekstra had worked on internal changes that must be made permanent. “The goal should be to make certain that no Cunningham of either party should be able to soil our committee again,”

Harman said in an interview.

Hoekstra said Cunningham’s efforts to enrich himself are “reprehensible” and Harman’s decision to release an internal committee document “is disturbing and beyond the pale.” Her action “underscores her personal decision to politicize the committee and this critical inquiry,” he said.

Now serving a sentence of more than eight years, Cunningham pleaded guilty in November to accepting at least \$2.4 million in bribes from alleged coconspirators — government contractors Mitchell Wade and Brent Wilkes. Wade, former president of MZM Inc., has also pleaded guilty to lavishing Cunningham with a yacht, cash, cars, antiques and meals over four years. Wilkes, who has not been charged, was the founder of San Diego-based ADCS Inc.

Cunningham’s attorney, Lee Blalack, and Wade’s attorney, Reginald Brown, both declined to comment on the report. Blalack said the committee has not provided him a copy of the document, and Brown said he and his client weren’t contacted for the investigation. Wilkes’ attorney did not immediately return a call for comment.

The House Intelligence Committee is charged with laying out intelligence spending priorities in an annual authorization bill, based on requests from lawmakers and government agencies. It then falls to the House Appropriations Committee, where Cunningham was also a member, to approve the spending.

Intelligence authorization bills are often quite broad, but some members are skilled at steering money to certain businesses.

The investigators found the committee authorized \$70 million to \$80 million in funding over five years that had been requested by Cunningham on behalf of Wilkes and Wade.

Hunter discovered safe, another still missing after Colorado snowstorm

BY DAN ELLIOTT

Associated Press Writer

DENVER — An elderly hunter who disappeared just before a major storm dumped up to 14 inches of snow in Colorado was found Wednesday and appeared to be in good shape, but another hunter was still missing despite an intensive search.

Rescuers on foot, on horseback and in a plane and helicopter were searching for William Porter, 54, who was last seen Monday while hunting in Routt County, about 115 miles northwest of Denver. The storm swept across the state late Monday and into Tuesday.

The weather improved by Wednesday afternoon but rescuers had found no sign of Porter, said Darrel Levingston of Routt County Search and Rescue.

“He’s pretty well equipped. His clothing was good and his outdoor common sense is excellent,” Levingston said. “He did have fire-starter with him.”

A second hunter in a different party, 68-year-old Roger Debenham of Drake, was found Wednesday about 120 miles west of Denver after getting lost the day before. Karen Debenham said she had spoken to her husband and he was “as best as can be expected. He’s tired, cold and hungry.”

Garfield County Sheriff Lou Vallario said searchers had contacted Roger Debenham by two-way radio. “He was fine,” Vallario

said.

Authorities said Porter lives near Strasburg, east of Denver, and had been hunting with three other people. On Monday, Porter had gone ahead of the others to retrieve an elk he had shot the day before, but when the others arrived he wasn’t there, Levingston said.

Porter’s companions looked for him all day Monday and at one point found his tracks, but he appeared to have turned away about halfway to the spot where the elk lay. Falling snow obscured his tracks after that, Levingston said.

“We’re not sure what would have attracted him to go that way,” he said.

Search and rescue teams joined the hunt Tuesday, and by Wednesday, at least 30 ground searchers and the two aircraft were participating.

The storm dropped 14 inches of snow in Black Hawk, about 25 miles west of Denver, while other areas reported from 2 to 13.5 inches. The Loveland ski area reported 8 inches of new snow while Arapahoe Basin reported 6 inches. Snowmass, near Aspen, reported 16 inches of new snow.

The early blast of winter slowed traffic across much of the state. A two-car collision on icy roads Wednesday killed a woman and injured a 3-year-old boy in her car near Greeley.

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War room beneath mountain goes warm

BY ROBERT WELLER

Associated Press Writer

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The collapse of the Soviet Union was the death knell for Cheyenne Mountain. A few years later, Russians were invited to Peterson in case the change of the millennium caused any catastrophic computer problems.

Then came the Sept. 11 attacks. The Northern Command was created in 2002 to defend the nation from internal attacks. Its headquarters were built at Peterson and NORAD's commander was put in charge of both.

It was from Peterson where the military was able to scramble fighter planes 10 minutes after a small plane crashed into a New York City high-rise last week.

Enron founder Lay will have his criminal record wiped clean

BY JUAN A. LOZANO

Associated Press Writer

HOUSTON — Enron founder Kenneth Lay's criminal record is now clean.

A federal judge ruled Tuesday that Lay's death this summer vacated his conviction on fraud and conspiracy charges connected to the downfall of the once mighty energy giant.

Lay was convicted of 10 counts of fraud, conspiracy and lying to banks in two separate cases on May 25. He died of heart disease July 5 while vacationing with his wife, Linda, in Aspen, Colo.

Enron's collapse in 2001 wiped out thousands of jobs, more than \$60 billion in market value and more than \$2 billion in pension plans. Lay's attorneys argued that legal precedent called for his convictions to be erased and his indictment dismissed. They cited a 2004 ruling from the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals that found that a defendant's death pending appeal extinguished his entire case because he hadn't had a full opportunity to challenge the conviction and the government shouldn't be able to punish a dead defendant or his estate.

U.S. District Judge Sim Lake agreed with them, saying prosecutors had not "raised any legal basis for denying the rule's application in this case ..."

"On behalf of his estate, I'm really quite pleased with the ruling and glad this brings to a close the criminal proceeding against

Mr. Lay," said Samuel Buffone, the attorney for Lay's estate.

Tuesday's ruling thwarts the government's bid to seek \$43.5 million in ill-gotten gains prosecutors allege he pocketed by participating in Enron's fraud. The government could still pursue those gains in civil court, but they would have to compete with other litigants, if any, also pursuing Lay's estate.

"Today's ruling does not change the fact that Mr. Lay was found guilty after a four-month jury trial and a separate bench trial," said Bryan Sierra, a Department of Justice spokesman. "We will continue to pursue all remedies available for restitution on behalf of the victims of the fraud at Enron."

Kelly Kimberly, spokeswoman for Lay's family, declined comment, referring reporters to Buffone.

Lake also denied a request from Russell Butler, a Maryland crime victims attorney who lost \$8,000 in Enron's collapse. He had asked for an order of restitution based on Lay's conviction, said his attorney, Keli Luther, with the Crime Victims Legal Assistance Project in Arizona. Luther said Lake's ruling was "unfair for victims that have been left penniless by Mr. Lay's actions."

Prosecutors offered no counter legal argument in the case, but had asked Lake to hold off on a ruling until next week so Congress could consider legislation from the Justice Department that changes current federal law regarding the abatement of criminal convictions.

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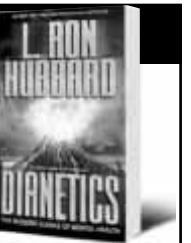
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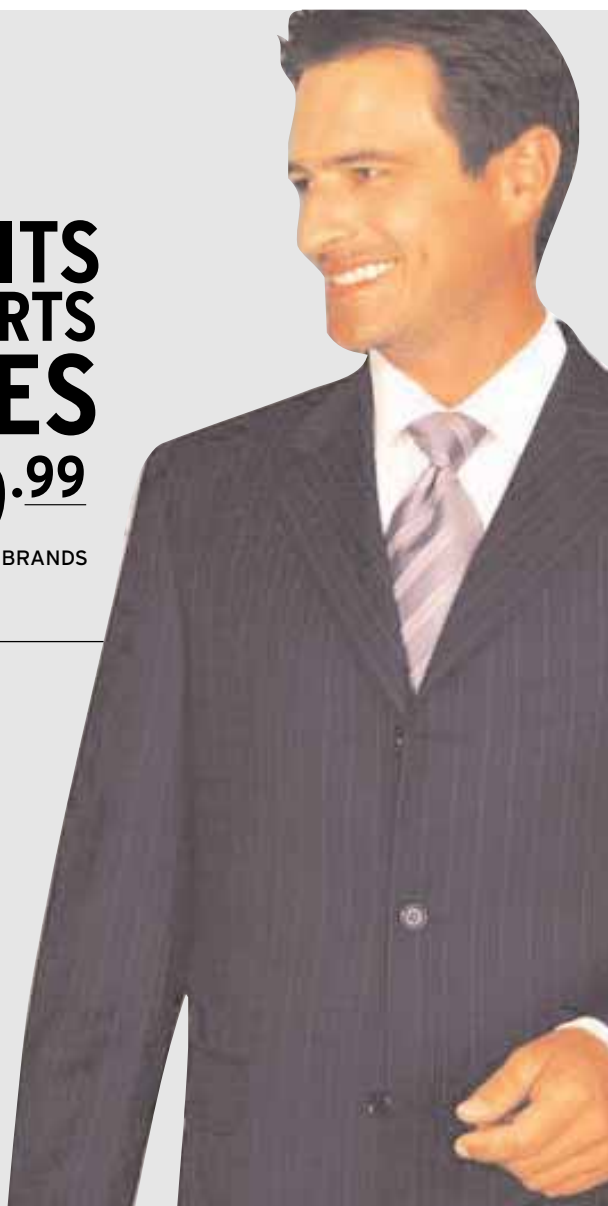
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University of Tennessee training farmers to stave off terrorists

BY DUNCAN MANSFIELD

Associated Press Writer

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — The University of Tennessee is creating a new center to train communities and farmers in protecting the nation's food supply from terrorists.

Funded with a \$2 million grant from the Department of Homeland Security, the Center for Agriculture and Food Security and Preparedness will address safeguards that can be applied across the agricultural spectrum — from crops to dairies to meat processors, UT officials announced Monday.

"We will be training industry folks, in particular, to assess their own facilities for vulnerability to someone coming in and intentionally contaminating their product," said Dr. Sharon Thompson, center director.

"Then we take it to the next step — what they can do to harden those targets and actually move into a prevention perspective," she said.

Every producer will have their own problems and solutions, she said. Instructors in the three-day courses will try to offer practical suggestions "because we know that an individual farmer can't afford to do everything."

"It may not be the things you would just guess, such as bigger fences around a facility," Thompson said. Rather the focus might be on preventing contamination to the final product.

"I don't want to generalize. It really varies from facility to facility. That is why we are really trying to teach folks to do this on their own, secure their own facility (and) their own community."

Trial runs of the classes are planned this year in sessions in Tennessee, New Mexico and California. The program will roll out nationally next year. Some 34 sessions will be offered around the country, free to participants. UT included representatives from New Mexico, California, Virginia, Iowa and Louisiana on its training development team to broaden its scope.

John Shipkowski, Tennessee's deputy director for homeland security, noted that concerns about the nation's food supply have moved beyond accidental contamination.

"We are now in a world where we've got to worry about potential adversaries deliberately targeting the agricultural system," he said. "That threat requires a new breed of professionals to educate industry, assess vulnerability and come up with ways to mitigate those vulnerabilities."

The potential impact couldn't be much greater. "This will affect every American, as long as they are still eating," said UT Veterinary Dean Dr. Michael Blackwell. The center is part of the university's College of Veterinary Medicine.

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Ballot measures aim to make Arizona less desirable destination to immigrants

BY JACQUES BILLEAUD

Associated Press Writer

PHOENIX — Arizona voters weary of their state's role as the nation's chief gateway for illegal immigrants will be offered another chance next month to crack down on the financial and societal costs of a leaky border.

A package of four immigration measures on the Nov. 7 ballot would, among other things, expand the list of government benefits denied to illegal immigrants and make English the state's official language. Polls have shown strong support for the measures.

The proposals come two years after Arizona voters approved a law that prevents immigrants from receiving some welfare benefits.

While immigrants provide the economy with cheap labor, officials have said that Arizona spends tens of millions of dollars each year in health care and education for illegal workers and their families.

The human smuggling trade that flourishes in the state, whose 375-mile border with Mexico is the busiest illegal entry point on the southern frontier, is also blamed for contributing to Arizona's crime rate. Smugglers are often accused of assaulting, kidnapping or shaking down illegal immigrants.

Opponents of the ballot proposals say that they will not lessen the problems and that illegal border-crossers are being made scapegoats for the country's failed immigration policies.

Republican lawmakers led the effort to put the measures

on the ballot. The main one would prohibit illegal immigrants from receiving state-funded child care assistance, attending adult education classes or getting in-state tuition and financial aid at Arizona's public colleges.

"If you came from New Mexico or California, you would pay out-of-state tuition," said GOP state Rep. Russell Pearce, the driving force behind the package. "You would pay the full load. Why should the taxpayer subsidize you for higher ed when you are here illegally?"

Opponents said it is unfair to deny in-state status to children who were sneaked into the country by their parents.

Pearce said the proposal to make English the official language and require that government functions be conducted in English is needed to encourage assimilation.

Nicky Calabrese, a grocery store clerk, said it is important for immigrants to learn the language: "You don't understand what they are asking for. They are coming over to our country and not speaking English."

Lydia Guzman of the Coalition for Latino Political Action said the measures send a conflicting message in trying to make English the official language while simultaneously denying adult education classes to immigrants who want to learn English.

"You want us to speak English, but you can't learn it," Guzman said. "Make up your mind."

Another proposal would deny bail to people who have entered the U.S. illegally and are charged with serious crimes such as murder, sexual assault and kidnapping. A fourth measure would prohibit illegal immigrants from being awarded punitive damages in civil cases.

Rights group irate over transfer snags

BY PAUL DAVENPORT

Associated Press Writer

PHOENIX — An immigrant-rights group sued Arizona on Wednesday, saying the lives and property of innocent people are unfairly snared by a state program intended to combat migrant and drug smuggling by intercepting money transfers.

The suit filed by the Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights said the warrants authorizing the interceptions are too broad and snare innocent people in violation of constitutional protections on search and seizure. Rights for legal due process also are violated because notices outlining ways to challenge the seizures aren't being posted, according to the suit filed in U.S. District Court in Phoenix.

Englewood, Colo.-based Western Union has already gone to court separately to fight aspects of the program run by the Arizona Attorney General. It recently was expanded to include transfers of \$500 or more sent to specific places in the northern Mexican state of Sonora because, state officials said, smugglers had responded to seizures in Arizona by rerouting the transfers to south of the border.

A federal judge last month rebuffed Western Union's challenge to the expanded program, but a state judge later temporarily halted the program pending an Oct. 30 hearing.

Attorney General Terry Goddard's office oversees the 5-year-old program, which is intended to deprive smugglers of the money that is "the core motive" for their operations.

Along with being a major location of drug smuggling,

Arizona is the nation's busiest illegal crossing point for illegal immigrants coming into the United States from Mexico.

Authorities say illegal immigrants typically won't carry large amounts of cash and frequently arrange to have relatives or friends send money to "coyotes" for payment once crossings are made.

The lawsuit challenges approximately \$12 million intercepted in 11,000 transfers during the past two years.

Goddard's office said the seizure warrants have led to hundreds of arrests of smugglers and drug dealers and "played a role" in the forfeiture of more than \$17 million in transit as well as numerous businesses.

Coalition Executive Director Josh Hoyt acknowledged that some of the transfers are for illicit purposes. But he said the group's investigation shows the procedures also snag "little people" who mostly are just trying to send money to relatives.

"He's taking a lot of innocent people along with the guilty," Hoyt said of Goddard.

Coalition representatives met last week with Goddard in Phoenix but were unable to resolve their differences, Hoyt said. The lawsuit, which names Goddard and a top aide as defendants, asks the court to block use of the seizure warrants and order restitution for seized transfers and payment of legal fees and costs.

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Social service providers deal with the fallout

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shelter coming into the community was by word of mouth that the city had already put a deposit on the property," Carranza said on Wednesday. "One of the city staff told me that their job was to inform, not to convince us or engage us in the process."

The Pico neighborhood has taken in a number of social service providers, including the CLARE Foundation, a drug and alcohol treatment center, and Chrysalis, a homeless services center.

"It's great there are these services, but we have to make sure it is [evenly] dispersed," Carranza said.

The Ocean Park Community Center has yet to open, but Carranza wants a tour when it opens its doors.

Jeff Bender has lived in southern Santa Monica, near Santa Monica College, for six years and said he has seen an increase in social service providers since he moved to the area.

"This part of town has more of these social service providers than any other part of town," Bender said. "If you want these programs to flourish and spread out across the community, why are you all putting them in one spot? It's not making much sense."

The social service providers in Santa Monica have experienced varying responses from their neighbors when they first announced plans to move in. Nicholas Vrataric, executive director of the CLARE Foundation, which provides treatment for alcoholism and substance abuse, said they never faced any neighborhood opposition when it opened in the 1980s.

To maintain goodwill among neighbors, the foundation sends out workers to clean the neighborhood each day.

"It's what we think a good neighbor



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(Top) A group of people wait for Chrysalis, a homeless services center, on Lincoln Boulevard to open its doors Wednesday afternoon.

(Right) A construction worker toils away Wednesday on the yet-to-open OPCC center at Cloverfield Boulevard and Michigan Avenue.



should do," Vrataric said.

It's a different experience from what Upward Bound House faced when it announced plans to open family housing on 12th Street in 1997 and senior housing on 11th Street in 2000. Both facilities are located in the Wilshire/Montana region — one of the less densely populated areas of social service providers.

"Of course they thought the world was going to fall in and property values would plummet and there would be drunk people lying on the street," said Andrew Duff Parker,

executive director of Upward Bound House, which provides homeless transitional family housing on land donated by the First United Methodist Church of Santa Monica.

Upward Bound House has removed approximately 295 families, including 479 adults and 772 children, from the streets and placed them in permanent housing where

they stay to this day, Parker said.

Some of the neighbors who opposed Upward Bound House have changed their minds since the two housing developments opened.

"I've had numerous neighbors come up to me and apologize," Parker said. "They said the facilities are so clean and well operated and that they are very pleased."

TOO MUCH OF A GOOD THING

The Pico Neighborhood Association is also concerned with the high number of affordable housing developments popping up in its area.

"No one else would tolerate having buildings up where there used to be single family homes," Carranza said. "Unfortunately, we're the only community that doesn't have representation at the council level."

Bob Moncrief, manager for the City of Santa Monica's Housing and Redevelopment, said there is a city policy to try and redistribute affordable housing citywide. But city zoning regulations do not allow multi-family housing to be built in the R1 zone, which is north of Montana. As of 2003, there is at least one affordable housing unit located north of Montana.

Approximately 25 percent of the city's affordable housing stock is in the Wilshire/Montana area. That number is followed by 21 percent in Pico, 20 percent in downtown, 14 percent in Ocean Park, 10 percent in Mid-City, 9 percent in Sunset Park and 1 percent north of Montana. The numbers include senior housing projects.

Moncrief said it is up to developers to determine where their affordable housing projects are placed, not the city.

"Developers are the ones who select the sites," Moncrief said on Tuesday. "They look through the real estate listings and look for the best value they can find."

Putting the 'People First' and disability awareness on the map

BY KECIA WELLER

Special to the Daily Press

Editor's note: In recognition of October as Disabilities Awareness Month in Santa Monica, the daily Press presents a month-long series of articles written by members of the City of Santa Monica Disabilities Commission.

On Jan. 8, 1974, the People First movement began in Salem, Ore., with the purpose of organizing a convention where people with developmental disabilities could speak for themselves and share ideas, friendship and information.

In the course of planning the convention, the small group of planners decided they needed a name for themselves. A number of

suggestions had been made when someone said, "I'm tired of being called 'retarded' — we are people first." The name People First was chosen and the People First self-advocacy movement began.

One aspect of the movement is to encourage people to use People First language, which is a way of writing and speaking that puts the person first and the disability second, such as "She is a person with autism." Saying "she is autistic," on the other hand, suggests that the person is her disability or is defined by her disability. Self-advocates who believe in the People First movement know within themselves that they are people first and their disabilities come second.

At the first People First Convention in

October 1974, 560 people attended. Within five years, Oregon had 1,000 People First members; Nebraska, Washington and Kansas had growing memberships; and people from 42 other states were asking for assistance to start their own groups.

Today, People First and the self-advocacy movement have grown into an international movement in 43 countries, with an estimated 17,000 members or more. In the United States alone, there are estimated to be well over 800 self-advocacy groups. A national organization, Self-Advocates Becoming Empowered, was formed in September 1991.

People First of California, Inc. (PFCA) started in 1976 and sought to become an umbrella group to connect all the states' People

First chapters. PFCA now helps to start, inform and support local chapters so that we and all people with developmental disabilities are able to speak for ourselves, know our rights and responsibilities, and are respected, valued members of our communities. All people with developmental disabilities are ambassadors for the People First movement.

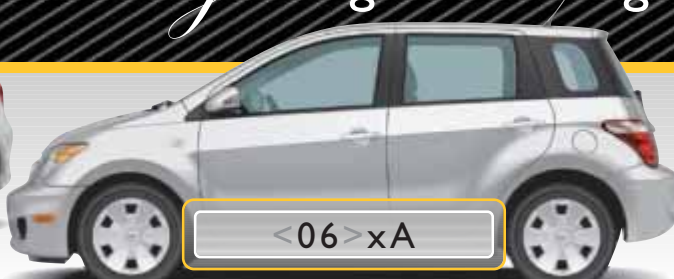
As a member of the PFCA Board of Directors and the Santa Monica Disabilities Commission, it is my privilege to help educate the public in advocacy and the People First movement.

Kecia Weller is a self-advocacy director for the Westside Regional Center. For more information on People First, contact <http://www.peoplefirstca.org>.

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Candidates on the same page on environment, housing

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and downtown development. All claimed to be supportive of a safer, environmentally friendly city in which working families could afford to purchase a home and raise a family. They also pledged to devote more funding for youth programs and opportunities for seniors.

The roughly two-hour event, sponsored by the League of Women Voters Santa Monica Education Fund and the Center for Governmental Studies, was set up so candidates in the same groups — or “pods” of three to four randomly seated hopefuls — could address one another if they so chose. Most did not. Aside from challenger Jenna Linnekens’ critiques of

the current council’s approach to homelessness and housing, plus a few random jabs from Terence Later and Jonathan Mann, the event was relatively tame, as far as political debates go. The restrained ambiance allowed incumbents the opportunity to shine, using their institutional knowledge and experience to put forth credible arguments based on facts, and not con-

jecture. The lack of any direct questioning of the councilmembers’ voting records provided easy sailing, allowing them to tout their accomplishments without having to answer for their shortcomings. Moving from right to left on the dais, the candidates each had 60 seconds to introduce themselves to CityTV viewers. They were then separated into the pod

groupings, with each answering a variety of questions posed via video by residents and the local media. The pod format, whereby candidates were given time to respond to the questions and then expand on their answers or those of others, allowed some to address several issues of concern while other candidates were forced to answer a similar question twice. Those fortunate

enough to be placed in pods where no questions were repeated seemed to have a distinct advantage, giving viewers more to consider come election day.

BEHIND DOOR NUMBER ONE

Pam O’Connor, who has served on the council since 1994, portrayed herself as a leader with the experience to keep Santa Monica “a city of neighborhoods, an environmentally sustainable city and a safe city.” In addition to initiating a review of the City Hall’s land-use policies, O’Connor, 58, said as mayor she led the search for City Manager Lamont Ewell, who has been well received by virtually all segments of the city, from residents and business interests to city employees and officials at Santa Monica College.

O’Connor also voted for an unprecedented funding agreement between City Hall and the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District that includes a commitment by the city to issue a roughly \$6 million grant to local schools each year.

As the first vice chair of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority board, O’Connor said she has worked diligently to help relieve traffic congestion and pledged to extend the Exposition Light Rail line to Santa Monica.

“I ask for your vote so we can work together for a vibrant future,” said O’Connor, who has been endorsed by the Santa Monica Municipal Employees Association, police officers and Santa Monicans for Renters Rights.

Next up was Mann, a flight attendant and former teacher in the SMMUSD, who has vowed to not raise any money from the “special interest groups that have been ruling this city.”

Those special interests include city employees, the media, local businesses, developers and homeless service providers, who Mann, 60, said should be audited to see if they are truly “operating out of compassion (or) self-interest.”

If elected, Mann said he would create a “virtual village” where residents could interact with city officials over the Internet, exchange ideas and drive public policy decisions. With a background in protesting civil injustice and the war in Vietnam, Mann said would not compromise his beliefs at any cost.

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Bones of contention



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Kirsten Ferreri (top), engages fellow English Literature major Justin Jarel, both 20, in a game of dominoes on the Santa Monica College campus this week. Ferreri, of Santa Monica, and Jarel, of Culver City, did battle in the seating area outside the food court.

Halley's remnants light up autumn sky

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quite a sight, meteor gazers in Santa Monica might miss out on the spectacle if they stick around the confines of the city, where the night sky is polluted from the lights.

Naturally, the Griffith Observatory in Hollywood would seem a natural watch spot, but is still on the disabled list, scheduled to reopen on Nov. 3 following a four-year renovation and expansion project. And while Santa Monica College does have a planetarium, there are no telescopes or observatories on campus.

So what's a local galaxy gazer to do?

Astronomy buff Robert Lozano, vice-president and founder of the Santa Monica Amateur Astronomy Club, recommends that Santa Monicans drive away from the city into the darker regions of California, like the desert. A beach is somewhat isolated from the city lights, but Lozano warns that the western seaboard might not provide a good view of the eastern sky.

"You need a clear eastern horizon,"

Lozano said. "None of the beaches have a good eastern sky."

He recommends Joshua Tree National Park, which is about 140 miles east of Los Angeles. The park is a bit far from Santa Monica, but drivers can expect to avoid traffic along the way, since the meteor shower is not set to hit its peak until the wee hours of the night.

Reservations are recommended to save a camping space at Joshua Tree National Park.

A closer alternative would be Tapia Park in Malibu Creek State Park. Lozano also recommends Will Rogers State Historic Park.

The meteor shower emanates from the constellations of Orion and Gemini.

Lozano said the meteor shower is a result of Halley's comet, a big ball of ice and gas that comes toward the sun every 76 years and leaves a trail of debris which the earth passes through twice a year.

"By the early morning hours, we will be facing the east in the direction the earth is orbiting," Lozano said. "[The shower] will stream away in long straight lines away from the constellation they are from."

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Rice vows U.S. will defend Japan

BY ANNE GEARAN

AP Diplomatic Writer

TOKYO — Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said Wednesday the United States is ready to use the “full range” of its military might to defend Japan in light of North Korea’s nuclear weapons test, and her Japanese counterpart drew a firm line against developing a Japanese bomb.

The United States is concerned that

Japan, South Korea or perhaps Taiwan may want to develop their own nuclear weapons programs to counter the threat from North Korea. Such moves would anger China, which already has nuclear weapons, and raise tensions in the region.

Part of Rice’s assignment on this week’s hastily arranged trip to China, Russia, Japan and South Korea is to lessen the temptation to develop separate national nuclear programs by reaffirming the U.S. intention to

defend the nations most at risk.

In Japan, Rice said she reaffirmed President Bush’s pledge, made the day of the North’s test last week, “that the United States has the will and the capability to meet the full range — and I underscore the full range — of its deterrent and security commitments to Japan,” Rice said following discussions with Japanese Foreign Minister Taro Aso.

Rice’s words were a reminder to U.S. allies that the United States does not want to see a

new nuclear arms race in Asia, but will likely be taken also as a warning to North Korea that it could face the U.S. nuclear arsenal if it used a nuclear weapon on a neighbor.

The United States has repeatedly said it does not intend to attack North Korea or topple its communist regime. Shortly before Rice arrived, Aso told a parliamentary committee the government has no plans to stray from its post-World War II policy of not allowing nuclear bombs on Japanese soil.

A lack of energy plagues latest televised City Council forum

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I’ve ran for City Council,” Mann said. “And the reason I’m running is I want to represent the residents of this city ... I won’t compromise. I’ll fight for you.”

Planning Commissioner Terry O’Day portrayed himself as a level-headed problem solver looking to build bridges. As the executive director of Environment Now Foundation and the co-creator of EV Rental, O’Day, 33, said he plans to combine his experience as an “environmentalist, business executive and father ... to make our city a safety city and raise my daughters in a supportive community.”

O’Day highlighted his record on the Planning Commission, during which time he has dealt with complex land-use issues, traffic congestion and environmentally-sound building practices. If elected, O’Day said he would help residents who have lost their homes to condo conversions find housing, putting them at the front of the list when publicly-funded projects are completed.

The Pico Neighborhood resident also touted his endorsements, which include former Police Chief Jim Butts, three former mayors and the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce.

Mayor Bob Holbrook, also endorsed by the chamber, as well as the Santa Monica Police Officers Association, assumed the role of hometown hero who has spent his entire life in Santa Monica, graduating from Santa Monica High School and SMC. Before being elected to the council in 1990, Holbrook served on the school board for two terms.

“I really enjoy being a council member and I feel I’ve fairly represented everyone in Santa Monica and bring an even-handed approach,” Holbrook said. “There’s a lot of work that’s been started and ... I’d like to be reelected to continue this work to make sure it gets done.”

Throughout the debate, Holbrook urged viewers to call City Hall if they had problems with graffiti or gang violence, going so far as to dole out numbers to various city departments and a local church looking to hook youth up with job opportunities.

BEHIND DOOR NUMBER TWO

Another life-long resident running for the council is Later, a consultant in the entertainment industry who is running to “put Santa Monica first.”

Like many of the challengers, Later said City Hall has forgotten who it works for — the residents. If elected, Later said he would make City Hall more accountable in meeting the needs of every segment of the community, from seniors on down to toddlers.

Later said City Hall needs to have a better relationship with local businesses and not “arbitrarily enforce” zoning codes and other laws. He criticized council members for not providing enough funding to increase the number of officers on foot patrols and blast-

ed City Hall for placing social service providers in residential neighborhoods, “taking ownership out of the hands of residents.”

Running on a platform of improving public safety through stricter enforcement of “vagrancy” laws, event planner Linnekens said she would work to build a consensus and “bridge the political divide,” using her skills as a former journalist and business owner with connections to the hospitality industry. She also vowed to fight for more for-sale affordable housing to “bring back the middle class.”

“If you believe we are better off today than we were eight years ago, or even 16 years ago, than my candidacy is for naught,” said Linnekens, 32. “However, I don’t believe that, and it is not true. With my election, it will send a clear message that change isn’t coming, but change has arrived.”

Claiming to be a “passionate” candidate whose voice “will not be quieted,” Linnekens challenged, albeit indirectly, incumbents whose voting records clashed with her strong beliefs in enforcing laws against camping on the beach and in parks, as well as public feedings.

If elected, Linnekens said she would get officers out of their cars and on the streets walking the beat. She would also give preference to police officers and firefighters for affordable housing projects funded by City Hall.

Linnekens’ strong feelings about homelessness and its effect on residents, visitors and local businesses were palpable and struck a nerve with candidate Linda Armstrong, a data entry operator and homeless advocate who is running on the platform of “putting women and children first,” which includes housing all homeless women in Santa Monica.

“Will you please stop demonizing the homeless?” a visibly-perturbed Armstrong asked Linnekens.

If elected, Armstrong said she will ensure prompt responses by the police to 9-1-1 calls, guarantee access to afterschool programs for all students, and enact a comprehensive living wage that would cover all Santa Monica businesses making at least \$5 million a year.

“I’d like to turn back the clock and have the New Deal and great societal programs revived,” Armstrong said. “We need to try and get employment back up and end homelessness once and for all.”

BEHIND DOOR NUMBER THREE

The third and final incumbent running for re-election is Kevin McKeown, a member of the council since 1998. McKeown, who provides technical support for the SMMUSD, presented himself as a man about town, using his bicycle to not only drop 130 pounds in the last year, but to also attend a countless number of community meetings “to listen, to learn and to bring

your concerns and ideas back to City Hall ... with a combination of experience and energy to get things done.

“I have been a leader on affordable housing, quality of life and education,” said McKeown, 58. “I’ve heard your concerns about traffic, development, and I fought successfully to limit that. I stopped 25-story office towers in downtown and monster mansions in our neighborhoods, and have made sure public schools get the funding they deserve.”

Linnekens criticized McKeown’s decision to vote against installing security cameras on the Santa Monica Pier, calling it a poor decision in the wake of serious concerns about safety in the wake of 9/11.

McKeown, who voted against the emergency installation of the cameras because he did not want to bypass the Landmarks Commission, could not respond because he was not in the same pod as Linnekens. However, in a move that surprised McKeown, O’Connor came to his defense, saying that McKeown’s vote had been distorted and that all members of the council were strong supporters of law enforcement.

McKeown is supporting candidate Gleam Davis, a 20-year-resident of Santa Monica who has made a name for herself as an advocate for education and public schools, having served on a number of district advisory committees and as a founding member of Committee for Excellent Public Schools, or CEPS. The attorney for AT&T said she will use her skills as a litigator and mediator to fight for the residents of Santa Monica and to foster greater relationships between all segments of the community.

“I have a history of community activism ... fighting for working families, children and for our older citizens and I plan to take that fight to the City Council,” Davis, 50, said. “I believe Santa Monica is a wonderful city, but we need to protect all that is great about it.

We need to protect the scale of our neighborhoods, and maintain the diverse and wonderful character of this town.”

Last, but not least, was Mark McLellan, a real estate agent specializing in the sale of single-family homes in Santa Monica and surrounding areas. McLellan, 46, pledged to work for more affordable housing for families, giving special preference to those who work in the city.

“I’m running to help build a better Santa Monica for the people of Santa Monica,” McLellan said. “My goal is to give back to the city that has given me so much.”

McLellan said City Hall’s current approach to homelessness is not working, nor its housing policies and efforts to ease traffic congestion. McLellan called for more workforce housing to make it easier for residents to walk to work, as well as more bike lanes to foster alternative transportation.

“I want to help build middle class society ... help people who work here afford to live here,” McLellan said. “If you are satisfied with what we have currently in local government, than by all means, vote accordingly. But if you’d like to see progressive change, vote Mark McLellan.”

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

A Few reasons to celebrate

By Daily Press staff

SANTA MONICA — Few of My Favorite Things is hosting a special Open House to commemorate its one-year anniversary in business on Saturday, Oct. 21, from noon until 5 p.m. Customers can indulge in complimentary hors d’oeuvres, champagne and cider as they shop for holiday gifts and decorative accessories.

“We’re offering 15 percent savings on everything in the store — for one day only,” said Jugneet Sethi, co-owner of the store.

Among the items the Westside emporium stocks are jewelry from Sweet Romance, Kenny MA and bohmy; Woodstock Chimes; collectible Mary Frances Handbags from San Francisco; hand blown decorative glass art balls made by Kitras from Canada; assorted vases, platters, bowls and other tabletop items — all handcrafted and signed by the artists in Romania.

Few of My Favorite Things also features Classic Bamboo Collection furniture, Casa Bonita mirrors, faux pumpkins, goblins, garlands and more.

Nestled amongst busy medical buildings, offices, a knitting store, a gym and a busy pet store, the 1,000 square-foot retail store is located at 2114 Wilshire Blvd. The boutique is open Monday through Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Parking is available behind the store, in a lot accessible from 21st Street.

Take advantage of tax law changes



MARKET MATTERS

BY BRIAN HEPP

When the leaves start to change colors, we’re reminded of the changing of the seasons. And while most people are beginning to turn their attention to the upcoming holiday season, investors should actually begin preparing for another season that arrives in the spring.

It may seem far off still, but it’s not too early to begin preparing for tax season. In fact, a number of significant tax laws passed by Congress this year will give investors the opportunity to take advantage of a variety of tax breaks — if they know where to look.

To help taxpayers gain the upper hand in their pursuit of saving strategies, A.G. Edwards has written a simple guide offering ideas for better preparation for the upcoming tax season. The newly published edition of the company’s annual tax strategies report, “Tax Saving Tools to Help You Keep More of Your Nest Egg,” provides easy-to-understand tax-saving strategies for investors of all types.

In this, the first of a two-part series, we’ll discuss a few of the strategies outlined in the

new report. Next week, we’ll revisit this issue and talk about some additional steps you can take to help trim your tax bill.

For starters, here are a few ideas to consider that have resulted from recent legislation changes:

■ **Rethink Your College Savings Strategy.** Because the tax rate on eligible dividends and long-term capital gains is 0 percent for taxpayers in the 10-percent and 15-percent brackets from 2008 through 2010, you may want to consider gifting appreciated securities to children or grandchildren who will be 18 or older when they sell them. This strategy could benefit a child who is preparing to start college. During those three years, the child may be able to sell the securities and potentially incur no capital gains tax. Even if the student sold the securities before 2008, the gain would most likely only be taxed at a rate of 5 percent.

■ **Beware of “Kiddie Tax” Changes.** A child who has not yet reached the age of 18 (increased this year from 14) and has at least one living parent at the end of the tax year may be subject to the kiddie tax. This rule states that any unearned income for such a child in excess of \$1,700 (in 2006) is generally taxed at his or her parents’ marginal rate. Because of the kiddie tax rule, holding investments in a child’s name has had only limited benefits. With the age being raised, there is even less upside to such an approach. As a result, you may want to review the

strategies you’re using to save for education and other goals through various savings vehicles such as custodial accounts and consider using Education Savings Accounts (ESAs) and 529 plans instead, as these will allow your investments to grow tax deferred until you need to use the funds.

■ **Prepare Now for IRA Conversions.** Beginning in 2010, investors at any income level may be able to convert traditional IRAs to Roth IRAs, which may create an especially attractive saving opportunity. For example, if your current income disqualifies you from contributing to a Roth IRA, if your income is too much for you to make deductible contributions to a traditional IRA, or if your traditional IRAs contain only nondeductible contributions, you may benefit from the new conversion opportunity.

These are just a few of the tax-saving ideas detailed in our new report. To receive your own copy, at no cost or obligation, you can visit our web site at agedwards.com/fc/brian.hepp or call our office at (310) 453-0077.

A.G. Edwards does not render tax or legal advice. Consult a qualified professional for questions regarding your specific situation.

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AOL: You’ve got layoffs

BY TIM KORTE

Associated Press Writer

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — AOL announced Wednesday it will lay off 1,300 employees by closing call centers in New Mexico and Arizona as part of a previously announced restructuring plan.

AOL, the Time Warner Inc. online unit formerly known as America Online, also plans to sell its call center in Ogden, Utah.

The cuts include 900 layoffs at the Albuquerque call center and 400 jobs at the center in Tucson, Ariz., AOL spokesman Nicholas Graham said. The Arizona and New Mexico call centers each have operated for 10 years.

The closures are part of a restructuring plan that Dulles, Va.-based AOL announced in August. At the time, the company said as many as 5,000 employees would be laid off within six months — a quarter of its global work force.

“These decisions were very difficult to make, given our long tenure in Albuquerque and Tucson, but they’re necessary in terms of the needs of the company and our users,” Graham said.

In August, AOL decided to give away AOL.com e-mail accounts and software once reserved for paying customers, hoping to avoid further defections to rivals that provide free e-mail and other services supported through online ads.

The company looked to job cuts to help find \$1 billion in savings, particularly in customer-service jobs because live support — for technical issues, registration and billing — is available only to paying subscribers, many of whom were likely to accept AOL’s free offer.

Months ago, Albuquerque city officials noticed the overhaul at AOL and wondered what it would mean for New Mexico.

“We’re distressed about the fact that 900 people are being reduced, laid off. What makes it the most difficult is that it’s

happening near the holidays. It’s particularly insensitive of AOL to do this now,” said Fred Mondragon, the city’s economic development director.

Despite the job cuts, Graham said customers shouldn’t notice any changes.

“We may be reducing the scope of what we provide in terms of customer support, but we are absolutely not reducing the quality of that support,” he said. “We are simply providing it in better ways, different ways, mostly through self-help tools.”

Graham said “several thousand employees” have been taken off AOL payrolls in Germany, the United Kingdom and France as AOL found companies to purchase its European assets and hire many of those workers.

“A majority of our previously announced targeted worldwide reductions have been accomplished not through layoffs but through a seamless divestiture of assets that won’t cause an interruption in employment,” Graham said.

In recent months, Graham said there also have been “small, targeted groups (of job cuts) ... but these are the first sizable employee groups that are impacted.”

The Arizona and New Mexico employees were informed of the layoffs Wednesday morning, then given the day off. They will return to work Thursday and continue employment with AOL through Dec. 15, when they’ll be offered a severance package that provides a combination of salary and benefits.

AOL did not disclose which company will purchase the Utah facility, but Graham said “it is Utah-based and in the member-services industry.” Graham said the 400 AOL workers employed in Ogden are expected to work for the new buyer.

“It is not a work force reduction,” he said.

Shares in Time Warner rose 21 cents, or 1.1 percent, to \$19.59 in afternoon trading Wednesday on the New York Stock Exchange.

Enemy mine: Alaskans giving a dam?

BY ELIZABETH BLUEMINK

Associated Press Writer

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — A company planning a huge gold and copper mine in southwest Alaska has unveiled a proposal for earthen dams so large that some Alaskans are comparing them to the world’s biggest dams.

The dams described by Northern Dynasty Mines Inc. would hold back rock waste and water from the potential mine in the headwaters of Bristol Bay.

Though they are only an idea, the dams have unleashed a flood of new debate over the potential copper, gold and molybdenum deposit near Lake Iliamna.

Northern Dynasty’s concept calls for a series of five dams that would fill in some valleys and a lake with tailings, or mining rock waste. The dams would also divert some water from three streams in the Bristol Bay watershed, the world’s largest salmon fishery.

If built, Pebble would be one of the largest mines of the world, and these dams would be similarly big.

“They aren’t small. We’ve never said they are small,” said Bruce Jenkins, the Vancouver, British Columbia-based company’s chief operating officer.

In its final stages, the largest of the Pebble dams would grow taller than the Lower 48’s Hoover Dam on the Colorado River or the Grand Coulee Dam on the Columbia.

That’s just incomprehensible, says Lake and Peninsula Borough Mayor Glen Alsworth.

But wait a minute, says Northern Dynasty. These dams wouldn’t look or be anything like the Hoover or Grand Coulee, which were built to generate electricity, not to deal with mine waste.

Rather than a vertical concrete massif holding back billions of tons of water, these dams would be steep, rocky embankments stretching for miles in length and holding back billions of tons of tailings and water.

“You have to envision this as a mountain you’ve created,” Jenkins said. “You are creating a new land form. Over time, they (the tailings dams) get more and more stable,” Jenkins said.

Jenkins stresses that the dams, and the Pebble project in general, are not final designs. Northern Dynasty doesn’t plan to submit a proposed mine development plan for Pebble until 2008.

Yet the project’s foes say the dams are too dangerous.

Not only would the dams divert large quantities of water needed by fish, but they’d forever sit on one of the world’s most earthquake-prone areas, according to the Renewable Resources Coalition.

According to Northern Dynasty consultants, the dams would be built to withstand a “maximum credible earthquake” of magnitude 7.8.

“It’s hard to comprehend the scale of these dams,” Alsworth, the Lake and Peninsula borough mayor, wrote in a recent letter to the Alaska Department of Natural Resources expressing his concern about the massive structures.

“Let’s analyze alternate methods, if it can be done,” Alsworth added in a recent interview.

Alsworth asked DNR to suspend its review of the dams pending further study. DNR says it won’t approve any Pebble project applications until the permitting stage.

As proposed, the dams and other water rights applications by Northern Dynasty would divert water from the north and south forks of the Koktuli River and Upper Talarik Creek.

The Bristol Bay Native Association provides economic and social services to Natives in the area. Its board has voted to oppose all large-scale mining in the Bristol Bay region until studies prove “unequivocally” that it will not cause any net loss of fish to subsistence, commercial and sport fishermen.

“You are going to see more communities and organizations outside of conservation asking tough questions,” said Tim Bristol, director of Trout Unlimited of Alaska.

Northern Dynasty has vowed that its project will not hurt Bristol Bay fisheries. The company pitched the series of dams to DNR as its current preferred method to hem in the billions of tons of potential mining waste and water from the Pebble deposit. Jenkins said Friday that the entire project should not be judged on its dam applications to DNR.

Northern Dynasty is now finding a rich mineralized area deep below the surface on the east side of its exploration zone. “We have a whole bunch of other alternatives to evaluate,” Jenkins said.

Northern Dynasty chose tentative locations for the dams -- the drainage basins of the southern and northern forks of the Koktuli River -- because it believes they are the least environmentally sensitive places in the area to store mining waste, according to its dam applications.

Turbines on the rural ridges just may signal Idaho’s energy future

BY TIM WOODWARD

Associated Press Writer

BONE, Idaho — Forty-three wind turbines, each as tall as a 20-story building, rise from the rolling hills around Bone and stretch for nearly six miles across southeastern Idaho.

Steve Rhodes, whose family has ranched and farmed here for four generations, admits that the windmills “took some getting used to.”

“They changed the landscape,” he said. “But now I think they’re kinda pretty. This is something I’ve dreamed about all my life. The wind blows most of the time out here. I’ve always thought somebody ought to do something about it.”

Somebody is. Compared with the mass of a hydroelectric dam or the stacks of a coal-fired plant, the Wolverine Creek Wind Farm looks benign, almost low-tech. But the pale gray turbine blades spinning almost silently in the green hills around Bone provide enough electricity to power 12,000 homes.

Idaho’s largest wind farm could be a harbinger of the state’s energy future. A smaller commercial wind farm, Fossil Gulch, is operating near Hagerman in south-central Idaho, and a project three times the size of Wolverine Creek called the Cotterel Mountain Wind Farm is projected to be operating in 2008, also in south-central Idaho, near Albion. Its turbines would dot ridge lines for 18 miles and provide enough power for 40,000 homes. More than 40 other projects large and small are in various stages of planning.

Modern technology has brought wind power into the mainstream. Wind power doesn’t pollute, it contributes jobs and tax dollars to rural economies and, unlike coal or natural gas, it has no fuel costs. Demand among prospective developers is great enough that wind turbines are back-ordered two years. Wind farms along the Snake River Plain could soon be as common as potato fields.

Not everyone likes wind power. Albion residents have signed a petition opposing the Cotterel project, which they say would dominate the landscape. Albion’s Jim Wahlgren, chairman of a committee opposed to Cotterel, adds that wind farms are less effective than other methods of energy production because the wind isn’t always blowing.

At the Idaho Division of Energy office in Boise, however, principal energy specialist Gerry Galinato says wind is the renewable energy source with the proven technology most likely to affect Idaho’s energy picture in the near future.

“Wind is the renewable technology of today,” said state Sen. Curt McKenzie, a Nampa Republican and co-chairman of a committee working to revise Idaho’s energy plan. “And it’s only going to be a more reliable source as we learn how to capture the energy and release it better. Of all the renewable energies, wind is where our largest supply will come from.”

Wind and other renewable sources meet what appears to be a growing desire among Idahoans for green energy. A public outcry over emissions was a factor in the defeat of Sempra Corp.’s proposed coal-fired plant in the Magic Valley this spring, and wind was the energy source of choice in a 2005 Boise State University study of energy policy issues.

Of 534 adults BSU surveyed statewide, 59 percent chose wind as the most desirable source of power. It was the most popular choice, followed by solar and hydro. Natural gas, coal and oil were rated the least desirable.

Idaho’s wind power potential is significant. A Northwest Sustainable Energy for Economic Development study estimates it at 1,800 megawatts. The state ranks 13th among states in potential wind power, according to the American Wind Energy Association. Its ranking would be higher if not for an abundance of sites aesthetically off limits — no one wants wind turbines dotting the White Clouds, Sawtooths, Craters of the Moon or other iconic vistas.

Two wind-energy companies have moved their headquarters here from other states. One is the Exergy Development Group, which has offices in California and Montana but operates mainly out of Boise.

“Southern Idaho is one big wind machine,” Exergy President James Carkulis said. “It starts in the west and slides up the western slopes to the northeast with few geographical factors to impede it.”

Exergy has utility contracts for 10 wind farms in Idaho with a total of 138 megawatts of power output. They would nearly triple the 75.4 megawatts now produced in the state, almost all of it at Wolverine Creek and Fossil Gulch.

Giants turning to Black

BY JANIE MCCAULEY

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SAN FRANCISCO — The San Francisco Giants received permission to speak to Los Angeles Angels pitching coach Bud Black about their managerial opening.

General manager Brian Sabean has said his list of candidates to replace Felipe Alou will be short, and that experience as a manager either in the majors or minors would be preferable. But Sabean also said someone with considerable experience in a big league coaching position might be considered — such as Black.

The Giants cut ties with Alou on Oct. 2, a day after the team finished its second straight losing season and third consecutive year out of the playoffs. San Francisco is committed to moving forward with a younger roster, and perhaps a younger manager.

San Francisco also could meet with San Diego Padres manager Bruce Bochy, who has received permission from his club to explore other opportunities despite having one year remaining on his contract. Bochy has guided San Diego to back-to-back NL West titles.

Jerry Manuel, the New York Mets' bench coach, is considered another possible candidate — though Sabean would likely have to wait until New York's season is over. The Giants must interview at least one minority candidate. Both previous managers under the current ownership group headed by Peter Magowan — Dusty Baker and Alou — are minorities.

Black has no experience as a manager, but was one of the most respected pitching coaches in the game since being hired by the Angels in November 1999. He guided the staff that won the World Series in 2002, two AL West titles and perennially had one of the game's top pitching staffs.

Black, who signed a two-year contract extension with the Angels last November, declined an interview with the Los Angeles Dodgers for their managerial opening last offseason. He turned down other interview opportunities in the past, saying he didn't want to have to move his family from Rancho Santa Fe, located in the San Diego area. He has a daughter in middle school and another in high school.

Sabeen would like to hire a manager before deciding on who he might keep from a daunting list of 11 potential free agents on the 2006 roster, most notably slugger Barry Bonds.

The 42-year-old Bonds is expected to file for free agency after the World Series and is yet to hear from San Francisco about beginning negotiations. The day after the season ended, Giants owner Peter Magowan said if Bonds does return he no longer will be the centerpiece of the franchise as he was in his first 14 seasons in San Francisco.

Bonds' \$90 million, five-year contract is expiring, though he has said he would like to return to the Giants next year — his 22nd in the big leagues and likely his last season.

Bonds has 734 home runs, 22 away from breaking Hank Aaron's career record of 755. After missing all but 14 games in 2005 following three operations on his right knee, Bonds batted .270 with 26 homers and 77 RBIs in 367 at-bats in 2006.

Tedford won't talk BCS with Golden Bears

BY GREG BEACHAM

AP Sports Writer

BERKELEY, Calif. — The BCS is still a banned topic at California.

Coach Jeff Tedford prefers to spend his weekdays on simpler concepts — praising the 11th-ranked Golden Bears' next opponent, or quietly tempering the hype around a high-powered offense that leads the Pac-10 in scoring.

The machinations behind the Bowl Championship Series still hold little public interest for the coach, even after Cal's last-minute denial of a long-awaited return to the Rose Bowl two years ago — and he doesn't want his players daydreaming ahead to January, either.

When Tedford learned Tuesday that Cal (6-1, 4-0) is No. 10 in the BCS standings after an impressive six-game winning streak leading into Saturday's home game against Washington, it barely registered on his ever-cool countenance.

"I don't know what that means," Tedford said. "We just have to keep playing one week at a time, and see where it ends up. We've been down this road before. It's very important for us to focus on how we play each and every week, so we don't stub our toe."

Indeed, Cal was in a similar position in 2004, when quarterback Aaron Rodgers led the Bears to a 10-1 regular season that still wasn't good enough for the computers and pollsters that determine the BCS slots.

Texas coach Mack Brown publicly lobbied for a BCS bid, while Tedford declined to enter the fray. The Longhorns got the Rose Bowl, and Cal settled for the Holiday Bowl.

Tedford's experience hasn't turned him into a lobbyist — at least not this early in the fall. He's confident in his achievements, with a fourth straight trip to a bowl game already assured for a school that had reached the postseason just four times in the previous 22 years before he arrived.

But with the addition of a fifth BCS bowl game this season, Tedford's current team has an even better shot at Cal's first postseason trip to Pasadena in 48 years. What's more, if the Bears manage to knock off Southern California in their showdown next month, any prize could be available.

Some of the numbers are simple: Cal is off to its first 4-0 start in Pac-10 play since 1950. The Bears should be heavily favored against four of their final five regular-season opponents, starting with Saturday's visit from the rebuilding Huskies without injured quarterback Isaiah Stanback.

Yankees' Lidle recalled with an aerial tribute and In-N-Out burgers

BY BETH HARRIS

AP Sports Writer

COVINA, Calif. — Three small planes flew over mourners at a memorial Tuesday for Yankees pitcher Cory Lidle, an emotional reminder to his family, friends and teammates that he died doing something he loved.

Following Lidle's funeral, hundreds of mourners did something else he enjoyed; they sat down to a luncheon of In-N-Out burgers, his favorite fast food.

The 34-year-old pitcher and his flight instructor, Tyler Stanger, were killed last Wednesday when Lidle's plane crashed into a Manhattan high-rise during an aerial tour of the city.

"Everybody was doing fine until the planes went over," Randy Wolf, Lidle's former teammate on the Philadelphia Phillies, said after the funeral.

Emotions ran high among hundreds of mourners during a 45-minute outdoor service. Men wiped away tears from behind dark glasses, and knots of family members shared long embraces near Lidle's gray casket, which was flanked by large color photos of the pitcher. Several people wore buttons with a photo of Lidle pitching and the words, "Forever in our hearts."

Near the conclusion of the service, dark gray clouds gave way to pockets of sunny, blue skies — perfect flying weather.

"I was one guy who would have gone up with him," said Phillies catcher Mike Lieberthal, whose plan to fly with Lidle during spring training never came off.

"It's just crazy to believe how something like that could happen," he said later at the reception where mourners gathered to laugh, cry and swap stories.

Lidle's wife, Melanie, briefly came out to thank those who had helped since her husband's death. After thanking her sister, Brandie Peters, and the Yankees and Major League Baseball, she dissolved into heaving sobs and was helped away. The couple's 6-year-old son, Christopher, had hugged his mother during the service.

Among those at Forest Lawn Memorial Park in Lidle's hometown were Hall of Famer Reggie Jackson and a contingent of Yankees: captain Derek Jeter, former high school teammate Jason Giambi, Jaret Wright, manager Joe Torre and general manager Brian Cashman.

"The nice thing was the way his family and friends spoke of him," Jackson said afterward. "It makes you reflect and appreciate life. He touched a lot of lives."

Jeter added: "It's rough. I feel for the family. I played with him a short time, but it didn't take long to see what kind of person he was."

Since Lidle's death, Torre said he has replayed the same image in his mind from New York's loss to Detroit in the AL division series.

"I go out to the mound and gave him the ball and I went out to the mound and took the ball away for the last time," Torre said. "We play a game and we think how important it is until you face something like this."

Also there were Oakland pitcher Barry Zito, Philadelphia players Pat Burrell and Chase Utley and former Yankees pitcher Aaron Small, who attended South Hills High in Covina with Lidle and Giambi.

"He had a zest for life. It was exciting to be around him," said Giambi, who lives a few blocks from the site of Lidle's crash. Lidle had been a licensed pilot for less than a year. The 26-year-old Stanger was a veteran pilot and teacher who ran a tiny flight school in the San Gabriel Valley east of Los Angeles. Investigators have not determined the cause of the crash or who was at the controls.

At the reception at Faith Community Church in West Covina, family and friends lined up outside a semitrailer for burgers from In-N-Out, the iconic, family owned Southern California chain.

"He was always bugging me to get him an endorsement," said Jordan Feagan, Lidle's agent and friend of 14 years.

During the service, family and friends mostly recalled Lidle's life away from baseball.

"Cory would have been so amazed at all the people here who admired him," said Peters, Melanie's sister. "He was a loving husband and an awesome father."

Two of Lidle's longtime friends, Paul Felberg and Warren Reed, took turns speaking, calling him by his nickname "Snacks," a reference to the pitcher's habit of devouring candy between innings.



Wonder’s ‘Wish’ Musician marks award with a musical medley

STEVIE WONDER received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the National Civil Rights Museum, then segued from his acceptance speech into a medley of his songs that included “My Cherie Amour” and “I Wish.” Wonder, 56, received the honor Tuesday night. The museum also awarded civil rights pio-

neer Dr. Joseph Lowery the National Freedom Award and Doctors Without Borders co-founder Bernard Kouchner the International Freedom Award. Playing an electronic keyboard, Wonder told an audience of about 5,000 that music is a gift he can share, challenging Memphis and the world to “use

the gifts God has given us to help those less fortunate.” “You must use your eyes, voices, ears. Tomorrow is never promised to any of us. You must be the best you can be right now,” he said. After the singer’s speech, two blind students at Georgia Avenue Elementary — Caia Smith, 6, and Oveante Magsby, 9 — sang their

own medley as a tribute to Wonder. He smiled and clapped as the children sang “Ribbon In the Sky” and “You Are The Sunshine of My Life,” then made his way to the stage to meet the children, hugging them and whispering in their ears. “I thought that was wonderful,” said Caia’s mother, Curtrice Smith. “He told them he loved them.” Previous recipients of the annual awards include King’s widow, Coretta Scott King, former Presidents Bill Clinton and Jimmy Carter, Oprah Winfrey and Paul Rusesabagina, whose heroism in the face of genocide inspired the movie “Hotel Rwanda.”

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Sundance Kid sidles into domain fight

ROBERT REDFORD has added a celebrity touch to those urging California voters to reject a sweeping eminent domain initiative. In an e-mail sent this week to more than 172,000 members of the Natural Resources Defense Council and made public Tuesday, Redford described the eminent domain proposition as “the single most dangerous threat that has ever been leveled at our state’s environment.” Put on the November ballot by property rights activists,

Proposition 90 would amend the state Constitution to make it harder and more costly for governments to condemn property or pass regulations that affect land values. “Anytime our government wants to protect some vestige of open space or save an old-growth forest or restrict offshore oil drilling, Prop. 90 would empower hordes of people to sue the government and collect compensation if they feel their properties or businesses have been compromised,” wrote Redford, who is a trustee of the environmental group. The actor’s involvement in the campaign comes amid a host of celebrity endorsements for another initiative on the Nov. 7 ballot, Proposition 87. Earlier this week, Julia Roberts toured the Mattel Children’s Hospital at the University of California, Los Angeles while urging the public to vote for the initiative. Proposition 87 would tax oil pro-

duction in the state to raise \$4 billion for alternative fuel research. That measure also has been endorsed by actors James Caan and Geena Davis, and former President Bill Clinton and former Vice President Al Gore. A spokesman for Proposition 90 downplayed Redford’s support. Kevin Spillane of the Protect Our Homes Coalition said: “The voters have a long record of disregarding celebrity endorsements.”

AP

‘Sand and Fog’ director gets probation

A movie director charged with groping two women in a city bar has been granted probation on criminal charges. VADIM PERELMAN, 43, of Venice, Calif., was placed on accelerated rehabilitation Monday during an appearance in Superior Court. Perelman, who directed the 2003 film “House of Sand and Fog,” will have the charges

dropped and his record cleansed if he stays out of trouble for two years. Accelerated rehabilitation is a form of probation that requires no guilty plea and is designed for first-time offenders facing minor charges. Perelman’s upcoming film, “In Bloom,” stars Uma Thurman and was shot partly in Norwalk. He was arrested on July 22, shortly after he left Rain

Ultralounge & Sushi Bar, where two women said he touched their buttocks. Prosecutors said that one of the women’s boyfriends confronted Perelman, who threw a punch that missed the boyfriend and struck his date. Police found Perelman walking a short distance away after the club’s manager flagged down a patrol officer. Perelman was charged with

third-degree assault and two counts of fourth-degree sexual assault, As part of his special probation, Perelman must make a \$1,000 charitable contribution and perform 100 hours of community service. The judge also ordered Perelman to undergo substance-abuse evaluation and, if necessary, treatment.

AP

Actress’ father is no wizard of Oz

MICHELLE WILLIAMS’ father, a prominent stock market trader, was ordered Wednesday to face an extradition hearing over tax evasion charges in the United States. Australian police, responding to a request from U.S. authori-

ties, arrested 64-year-old Larry Williams in May after he flew into Sydney to begin a monthlong speaking tour in Australia and New Zealand. He was released on \$753,000 bail. Appearing before Sydney’s Central Local Court, Williams was ordered Wednesday to face

a hearing on March 26. The U.S. Internal Revenue Service wants to question Williams — a resident of the Virgin Islands — about a possible \$1.5 million in unpaid taxes from book royalties and earnings from international seminars he conducted between 1990

and 2001. His 26-year-old daughter received an Oscar nomination as best supporting actress for her performance in the 2005 film “Brokeback Mountain,” playing the wife of Heath Ledger’s character.

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5:10, 9:45

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The Grudge 2 (PG-13)

12:10, 2:40, 5:20, 8:00, 10:30

The Guardian (PG-13)

12:40, 4:00, 7:05, 10:15

Open Season (PG)

12:50, 3:00, 5:10, 7:25, 9:30

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Little Children (R)

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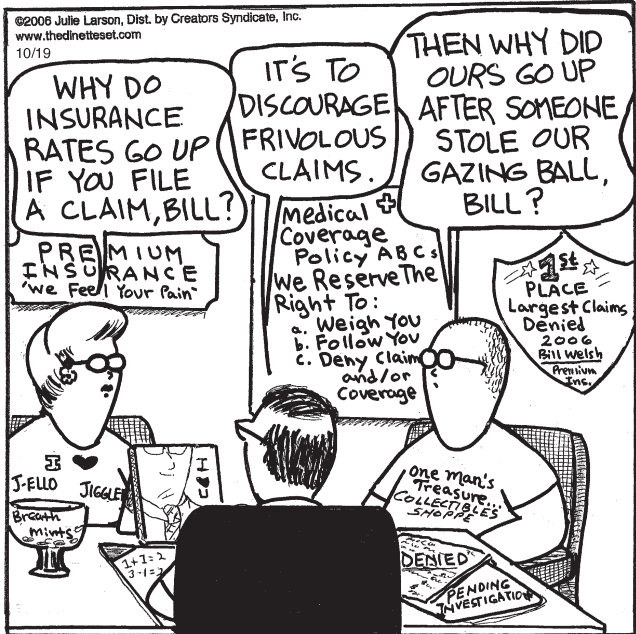
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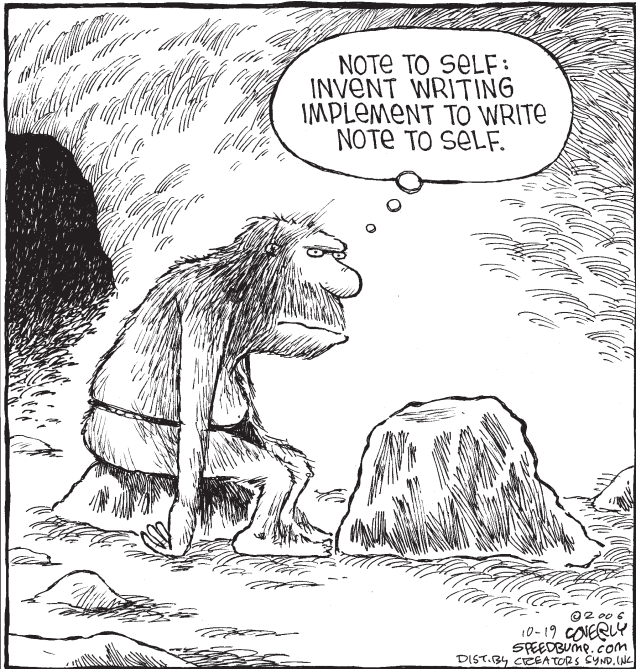
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SUMMONS
Case NO. SC 091036

SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES WEST
DISTRICT
UNLIMITED JURISDICTION

ACTION APARTMENT ASSOCIATION, a nonprofit
corporation,
Plaintiff and Petitioner

v.

CITY OF SANTA MONICA, CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF SANTA MONICA, COUNCIL MEMBERS
ROBERT T. HOLBROOK (MAYOR), BOBBY
SHRIVER (MAYOR PRO TEMPORE), PAM O '
CONNOR, KEVIN MCKEOWN, HERB KATZ, RICH-
ARD BLOOM, AND KEN GENSER, in their offi-
cial capacities, and ALL PERSONS INTEREST
IN THE VALIDITY OF ORDINANCE NO. 2191
AMENDING MUNICIPAL CODE SECTIONS
9.56.050 AND 9.56.060
Defendants and Respondents.

NOTICE! YOU HAVE BEEN SUED. THE
COURT MAY DECIDE AGAINST YOU WITHOUT
YOUR BEING HEARD UNLESS YOU RESPOND
NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 13, WHICH IS TEN
(10) DAYS OR MORE AFTER COMPLETION OF
THE PUBLICATION OF THIS SUMMONS. READ
THE INFORMATION BELOW.

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SIN AUDIENCIA A MENOS QUE USTED RE-
SPONDA NO MAS TARDE QUE EL DIA TRECE DE
NOVIEMBRE, QUE SON DIEZ (10) DIAS O MAS
DESPUES DE TERMINACION DE PUBLICACION
DE ESTA CITACION JUDICIAL. LEA LA INFOR-
MACION QUE SIGUE.

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE MAT-
TER OF THE VALIDITY OF CITY OF SANTA
MONICA ORDINANCE NO. 2191 THAT WOULD
REQUIRE DEVELOPERS OF MULTI-FAMILY
RESIDENTIAL HOUSING TO CONSTRUCT AND
SUBSIDIZE HOUSING FOR LOW AND MODER-
ATE INCOME PERSONS, AND TO THE CITY OF
SANTA MONICA, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF SANTA MONICA, COUNCIL MEMBERS
ROBERT T. HOLBROOK (MAYOR), BOBBY
SHRIVER (MAYOR PROTEMPORE), PAM
O'CONNOR, KEVIN MCKEOWN, HERB KATZ,
RICHARD BLOOM, AND KEN GENSER:

Plaintiff has filed a civil complaint
against you. (Los Angeles Superior Court, No.
SC091036.) Persons other than the City, its
City Council, and Councilmembers named
above may contest the validity of the above
matters by appearing and filing with the
Court a written responsive pleading to the
complaint not later than November 13, 2006,
which is ten (10) days or more after the com-
pletion of the publication of this summons.
Your pleading must be in the form required by
the California Rules of Court. Your original
pleading must be filed with this Court with
proper filing fees and proof that a copy hereof
was served on Plaintiff's attorney. Unless you
so respond, your default will be entered upon
Plaintiff's application, and the Plaintiff may
apply to the Court for the relief demanded in
the complaint. Persons who contest the valid-
ity of the matters described below and in the
complaint will not be subject to punitive ac-
tion, such as wage garnishment or seizure of
their real or personal property.

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DETAILED SUMMARY OF THE MATTER THAT
PLAINTIFF SEEKS TO VALIDATE:

This action seeks the invalidation of Santa
Monica City Ordinance No. 2191 pursuant to
Code of Civil Procedure Section 863, because
of alleged violations of federal and state con-
stitutions and statutory law. On June 13,
2006, the City adopted Ordinance 2191 which
amended Municipal Code sections 9.56.020,
9.56.030, 9.56.040, 9.56.050, 9.56.060, and
9.56.070. Ordinance 2191 modifies the op-
tions for meeting affordable housing require-
ments to require the onsite or offsite develop-
ment of affordable housing units in conjunc-
tion with multi-family ownership housing de-
velopment in multi-family residential dist-
ricts. The Complaint alleges that the require-
ments of Ordinance 2191 mandate that own-
ers transfer ownership of the required afford-
able unit(s) to third persons for the benefit of
the City's housing policies.

Plaintiff, a nonprofit corporation and associa-
tion of owners of developed and undeveloped
land, including land in Santa Monica, filed
this validation action to obtain a judicial decla-
ration of the validity of the matters alleged
in the Plaintiff's complaint and described
herein. In this action, the Plaintiff seeks a
declaration from the Court that, among other
things, Ordinance 2191 is violative of the
Mitigation Fee Act, because of one or more of
the following constitutional and statutory pro-
visions:

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1. The Takings Clause to the Fifth Amendment
of the United States Constitution as incorpo-
rated by the Fourteenth Amendment to the
United States Constitution.
2. The Takings Clause of Article I, section 19,
of the California Constitution.
3. The Due Process Clause of the United States
Constitution.
4. The Due Process Clause of the California
Constitution.
5. Government Code sections 66000 through
66022.
6. Government Code sections 65583 and
65585.

Plaintiff acknowledges that City of Santa
Monica disagrees with the allegations in
Plaintiff's complaint, and that the City re-
serves its claim that the Complaint fails to
state a claim.

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NEY IN ANY MATTER CONNECTED WITH THE
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TERED WITHIN THE TIME REQUIRED BY THIS
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QUE SU RESPUESTA ESCRITA PUEDA SER
REGISTRADA DENTRO DEL TIEMPO
REQUERIDO POR ESTA CITACION JUDICIAL.

The name and address of the Court is (El
nombre y la direccion del Tribunal es):
Superior Court of the State of California
County of Los Angeles
1725 Main Street,
Santa Monica, CA 90401

The names and addresses of Plaintiff's at-
torneys are (Los nombres y la direccion de
los abogados del demandante son):
James S. Burling
Damien M. Schiff
Pacific Legal Foundation
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Sacramento, CA 95834

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days following the date of the required
publication. The period may be ex-
tended by the regional director for good
cause. The nonconfidential portions of
the application are on file at the ap-
propriate FDIC office and are available

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for public inspection during regular
business hours. Photocopies of the
nonconfidential portion of the applica-
tion will be made available upon re-
quest.

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CN764015 Oct 19, 2006

**NOTICE OF SUBSEQUENT PE-
TITION TO ADMINISTER ES-
TATE OF:
ARAM J. DERVY AKA MAX
DERVY AKA ARAM JOHANNES
DERVY
CASE NO. BP100477**

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors,
contingent creditors, and persons
who may otherwise be interested in
the WILL or estate, or both of ARAM
J. DERVY AKA MAX DERVY AKA
ARAM JOHANNES DERVY.
A SUBSEQUENT PETITION FOR
PROBATE has been filed by JOHN
WELSH ROBINSON, THOMAS
GOUNTOUMAS AND ATHANASIOS
GOUNTOUMAS in the Superior
Court of California, County of LOS
ANGELES.

THE SUBSEQUENT PETITION FOR
PROBATE requests that JOHN
WELSH ROBINSON, THOMAS
GOUNTOUMAS AND ATHANASIOS
GOUNTOUMAS be appointed as per-
sonal representative to administer
the estate of the decedent.
THE SUBSEQUENT PETITION re-
quests the decedent's WILL and
codicils, if any, be admitted to pro-
bate. The WILL and any codicils are
available for examination in the file
kept by the court.

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or file written objections with the
court before the hearing. Your ap-
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your attorney.

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presentative appointed by the court
within four months from the date of
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the court. If you are a person inter-
ested in the estate, you may file with
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tice (form DE-154) of the filing of
an inventory and appraisal of estate
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1250. A Request for Special Notice
form is available from the court
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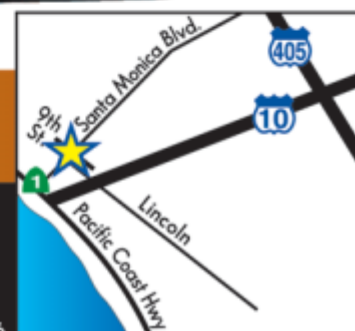
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